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A Regulation to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

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FILE NO. 22 OF 1916.

Amendment of Section 2 of the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, regarding the definition of Munsiff.

Brief Abstract of Letter No. 683, *dated* 23*rd December* 1916, *from the Registrar Chief Court.*

States that under the Notification of 15th June 1915, the Munsiff of Shimoga has no jurisdiction over that taluk and that therefore there is no Munsiff to exercise the powers under Sections 20, 66, 67 and 73 of the Regulation and therefore proposes that either the definition of Munsiff in the Regulation be suitably amended or that a Munsiff under the Civil Courts Regulation may be appointed with jurisdiction over the Shimoga Taluk.

Notes and Orders.

There is only one Eillage Court at Hole-Honnur in the Shimoga Taluk established from 1st July 1915. No Courts were established in that taluk in the recent Notification dated 16th December 1916 establishing Village Courts in the Shimoga District. If amendment of the regulation is considered necessary the file will have to be referred to the Legislative Section for necessary action

Submitted for orders.

N. N.
4—5-1-17.

2. Legislative action is necessary and the amendment recommended by the Chief Court may be embodied in a Bill and passed at the next meeting if Government approve. Please send this to the Legislative Section for immediate action.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
9-1.

3. Submitted with a draft Bill and Statement of Objects and Reasons on the lines recommended by the Chief Court.

S. V. S.
N. N.
12-1-17.

4. The amendment proposed seems necessary in view of the fact that the Munsiff of Shimoga has no local jurisdiction, and the expression Munsiff in the Village Courts Regulation cannot be held to include a Sub Judge. As there is only one Village Court in Shimoga Taluk, much inconvenience may not at present be caused, and if approved, the Bill may be passed at the next meeting. The other alternative suggested by the Chief Court may lead to much inconvenience

Submitted for orders.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
13-1.

5. The amending Bill will be placed before the next meeting of the Legislative Council. Please take all the necessary action in the matter at once.

M. KANTARAJ URS,
15-1-17.
D. M. NARASINGA RAO,
15-1-17.
G. SRINIVASA IYER.

6. To be circulated to Council for disposal by Councillor.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO
15-1-17

7. I agree. The matter may be dealt with by circulation.

M. VISVESVARAYA
16-1-17.

8. G. S. Circulate.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO,
17-1-17.
G. S.
17-1-17.

9. Seen.

M. VISVESVARAYA.
20-1-17
D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
20-1-17
T. E. JAYARAM IYER.
22-1-17

10. Submitted with a Draft Final Note and a draft submission note.

S V S
22-1-17
N. N.

11. A D. F. N. is submitted.

T. E. JEYARAMA IYER,
26-1-17

12. Approved.

M. KANTARAJ URS.
29-1-17

13. Fair Final Note signed by the First Member is put up.

B. V. S.
29-1-17.
D. M. NARASINGA RAC
29-1-17
G. S.
29-1-17.

Final note by the First Member of Council

14. The Munsiff of Shimoga has no local jurisdiction over the taluk of Shimoga and as such he cannot exercise the powers of a Munsiff under the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, over the Village Courts in that taluk nor can the definition of the word "Munsiff" in Section 2 of the Regulation be made to apply to the Subordinate Judge of Shimoga who is the Judge of the lowest grade having jurisdiction over the taluk.

15. The consequence is that there is no authority that can withdraw a suit under Section 20 or execute a decree under Section 66 or 67 or revise a decree under Section 73 of the Village Courts Regulation. To remedy this defect, the Chief Court of Mysore have proposed that the definition of the word "Munsiff" may be so amended as to include any judge of the lowest grade having jurisdiction over any area in which a Village Court is situate.

16. A Bill has accordingly been drawn up and it has been approved in Council.

17. The gracious sanction of His Highness the Maharaja to place the Bill before the Legislative Council is requested.

M. KANTARAJ URS.
29-1-17.

SUBMITTED TO HIS HIGHNESS.

18. I submit herewith a Final Note by the First Member of Council on the subject of amending Section 2 of the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, regarding the definition of "Munsiff", for His Highness' gracious approval.

M. KANTARAJ URS.

Order.

19 K. R. W
5-2-17.

20. Secretary.

M. VISVESVARAIYA.
6-2-17.
D. M. NARASINGA RAO.

21. Draft to Residency.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
6-2-17.

22. Submitted with a draft D. O. to the Residency for issue from the Dewan's Office. The typed copy of the Bill and the Statement of Objects and Reasons requires to be attested.

S. V. S.
N. N.
7-2-17.

23. As the Judges of the Chief Court desire in that the Bill should be passed sufficiently early, it is a point for orders whether the Bill may be published with the Dewans kind permission, under Rule 32 of the Rules of Business.

24. Draft D. O. to the Residency is also submitted for favour of Dewan's kind approval.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
7-2.

25. The draft may be approved and the required permission for publication under Rule 32 accorded.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
7-2-17.
G. SRINIVASA IYER.
7-2-17.

26. I agree.

M. VISVESVARAYA.
18-2-17.

27. The draft approved by the Dewan has been issued and placed on file (*vide* D. O. No. 4725, dated 18th February 1917.)

D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
19-2-17.
C. E. R.
19-2-17.

28. Put up draft.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
19-2-17.

29. Submitted with a draft to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette.

S. U. S.
19-2-17

Issue to-day.

G. S.
19-2-17.

No. 358—*L. C., dated* 21*st February* 1917, *to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette.*

Forwards for publication the Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, with a set of O. S. R.

2. *D. O. No.* 4725, *dated* 18*th February* 1917, *to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.*

Forwards copy of a Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

3. *D. O. No.* 1950, *dated* 13*th March* 1917, *from the First Assistant Resident.*

Informs that the President has no *prima facie* objection to the Bill being placed before the Legislative Council.

29. Submitted the Bill was published under the orders of the Dewan under Rule 32 of the Legislative Council Rules and was read, considered and passed without being referredto a select Committee on 20-3-17 the rules of business being suspended. Graciou sanction of His Highness the Maharaja is required to promulgate the Bill into law A copy of the Bill as finally passed by the Legis lative Council is put up. A draf final note and a draft submission not are also put up.

S. V. S.
28-3-17.

N. N.
28-3-17.

30. For favour of approval.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
28-3-17.

31. Approved.

M. KANTARAJ URS.
2-4-17.

32. Fair Final Note signed by the First Member is put up together with a D. S. N

T. K. S.
2-4-17.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO,
3-4-17.

33. Dewan.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO,
3-4-17.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
3-4-17.

34. The Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation has passed through the Legislative Council in due course. Its scope and purpose are fully explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons.

The gracious sanction of His Highness the Maharaja is required for promulgating the Bill as law.

M. KANTARAJ URS.
2-4-17.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the First Member of Council on the subject of promulgation of the Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, as law for His Highness' gracious approval.

M. VISVESVARAYA,
12-4-17.

Order.

36. K. R. W.
17-4-17.

A. R. BANERJI,
21-4-17.

M. KANTARAJ URS,
22-4-17.

K. N. R. W.
27-4-17.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
30-4-17.

37. Secretary.

M. VISVESVARAYA,
19-4-17.

38. Branch III for further action.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
19-4-17.

39. Draft atonce.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
20-4-17.

40. Submitted with a draft order to the Compiler.

S. V. S.
20-4-17.
N. N.
20-4-17.

41. Issue at once.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
20-4-17.

4. *To the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, No. J.* 3709, *dated 20th April* 1917.

Notifies that the Regulation to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, which received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the 17th day of April 1917 be published as No. III of 1917 in the *Mysore Gazette* for general information.

42. Copies were sent to the Residency and the Nizam's Government as usual with letters No. Pol. 1167, dated 24th May 1917 and J. 4251, dated 24th May 1917, respectively (*Vide* Legis. 15-16.)

5. *Letter* No. 4356, *dated 6th June* 1917, *from the First Assistant Residen.*

Requests to be informed why Government of India sanction was not obtained before passing into law the Bill further to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation.

43. Submitted. When the Village Courts Regulation was passed into law the Government of India sanction had been obtained as it amended to a certain extent the provisions of the Civil Courts Regulation by removing jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in cases made cognizable by the Village Courts. But the present amendment though it amends the Village Courts Regulation does not in any manner further amend any of the provisions of any of the Acts or Rules having the force of law in force in Mysore at the time of the rendition. In this light probably the present amendment did not require Government of India sanction. Any how this point was by some over sight not considered at all and as the measure was a very emergent one it was ordered to be introduced, considered and passed at one sitting of the Legislative Council and was accordingly so done. (*Vide* copy of the agenda for last meeting put up.)

S. V. S.
9-6-17.

44. Submitted with a draft letter to the Residency as orally directed

S. V. S.
10-6-17.

45. I regret very much the mistake in this case. As the Village Courts Regulation was a recent one (and not in the Treaty), the original collections were not sent for and examined with a view to see if the sanction of Government of India was necessary. Further as the Chief Court had recommended that the measure was very urgent one and as the amendment was purely of a verbal nature, the necessity for such sanction did not strike me. I regret the omission, and shall see that such mistakes are avoided in future.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
16-6-17.

46. Mistakes of similar character are often noticed. I cannot understand why the Assistant Secretary is not more thorough in his work.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO,
18-6-17.

47. Submitted. A copy of the instrument of transfer should have been put up.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO,
17-6-17

48. Submit at once.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
17-6-17.

49. Submitted with a copy.

N. N.
18-6-17.

50. Submitted.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
18-6-17.

51. The revised draft reply may be approved.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
18-6-17

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
18-6-17

52. Approved. Please write to Dewan also for information before issue. Such omissions should be carefully guarded against in future as they may lead to trouble.

M. KANTARAJ URS.
18-6-17

53. Dewan.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO
18-6-17

G. SREENIVAS IYER,
19-6-17

54. The revised draft dated 4th July 1917 may issue if it meets with the approval of the First Member.

55. The papers may then be submitted to His Highness for information.

M. VISVESVARAYA.
-7-17.

First Member.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
G. SRINIVASA IYER
5-7-17

56. No objection.

M. KANTARAJ URS.
6-7-17

B. RAMASWAMAIYA.
6-7-17

57. Issue and then resubmit.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
6-7-17.

Pol. 27, dated 7th July 1917, to the First Assistant Resident.

Informs that the point, *viz.*, that the Bill required Government of India sanction before promulgation as law was lost sight of owing mainly to the fact that the Bill introduced only a verbal amendment into the Regulation and also that it was necessary to pass the law very soon.

58. File resubmitted as ordered at para 57 (page 18) of the notes.

S. V. S.
10-7-1917.

Submitted with a draft submission note for approval.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
18-7-17.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
27-7-17.

Dewan.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
27-7-17

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith, for His Highness' kind perusal, correspondence ending with this office Pol. No. 27, dated 7th July 1917 to the Residency, in regard to the

omission to apply for the previous consent of the Government of India before passing the Bill to amend the Village Courts Regulation, 1913 into law.

M. VISVESVARAYA,
28-7-17.

Order.

K. R. W.,
10-8-17.

Secretary.

M. VISVESVARAYA.
11-8-17.

D. M. NARASINGA RAO.
11-8-17.

G. SRINIVASA IYER.
11-8-17.

A Regulation to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

FILL No. 22 OF 1916.

Letter R. O. C. No. 683, *dated* 23*rd December* 1916, *from, the Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore, Bangalore.*

Serial No. 1

Adverting to Government Notification No. J. 4334—Cts. 339-14-7, dated the 15th of June 1915 withdrawing the original civil jurisdiction over the taluk of Shimoga from the Munsiff of Shimoga and directing that that jurisdiction should thenceforth be exercised by the Subordinate Judge of Shimoga, the District Judge of Shimoga has forwarded a copy of the Shimoga Munsiff's letter requesting to be informed whether he has or has not powers of supervision, under Section 75 of the Village Courts Regulation of 1913, over the Village Munsiff's Courts situated within the taluk of Shimoga and has sought the orders of this Court in the matter. The District Judge is of opinion that the Subordinate Judge of Shimoga who has local jurisdiction over the Shimoge Taluk may come within the definition of the word 'Munsiff' in Section 2 of the Mysora Village Courts' Regulation and that he may be directed to exercise powers of supervision under Section 75.

In the opinion of the Judges of the Chief Court the definition of section 2 of the Regulation clearly does not include the Subordinate Judge who is not a Munsiff though he may be disposing of cases which a Munsiff is competent to try.

The Munsiff of Shimoga has no local jurisdiction over the Shimoga Taluk and hence is not a Munsiff within the definition of section 2 and is not "the Munsiff" of Section 75. His court house no doubt is situated in Shimoga Taluk but that is outside the local limits of his jurisdiction. He has no jurisdiction there.

The Regulation does not provide for the case of a Village Court situated in a place which is not within the local limits of the jurisdiction of any Munsiff, and the consequences of the omission may be serious ; so far as supervision is concerned the District Judge and Deputy Commissioner can act under section 75, but there is no power in any one to withdraw a suit under section 20, to execute a decree under section 66 or 67 or to revise a decree under Section 73. "The Munsiff alone has power to do those things, and where there is no Munsiff there is no one who has that power.

The Judges therefore think that it will be found necessary to amend the Regulation at once by adding to the definition in Section 2, a provision to the effect that where there is no Munsiff having local jurisdiction, the powers conferred by the Reguation on "the Munsiff" shall be exercised by the Judge of the lowest grade exercising original jurisdiction in the locality. The Judges venture to suggest that this may best be done by amending the relevant portion of Section 2 somewhat in the following manner :—

" District Judge " means the District Judge of the district in which the Village Court is situate.

"Munsiff" means the Judge of the lowest grade appointed under the Civil Courts Regulation, I of 1883, to exercise the jurisdiction of a Civil Court over the locality in which the Village Court is situate.

An amendment of this kind would seem to meet the case and could, the Judges think, be passed without any difficulty or objection. But if the legislature cannot conveniently be convened sufficiently early it may be necessary to appoint a Munsiff under the Civil Courts' Regulation to have jurisdiction over Shimoga Taluk.

I am to ask for the favour of very early orders as the matter is obviously of some urgency.

D. O. Letter No. 4725, *dated* 18*th February* 1917, *to the Hon'ble the Resident.*

Serial No. 2

I enclose herewith copy of a Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913. The Statement of Objects and Reasons explains clearly the scope of the measure.

The Bill will be placed before the Legislative Council in due course.

Judicial and Legislativn (Legislation), dated July 1917.

A Regulation to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

Notification No. 358—*L. C., dated* 21*st February* 1917.

Under Rule 32 of the Rules for the conduct of business of the Mysore Legislative Council the following Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, is published for general information together with a Statement of Objects and Reasous

By Order,
G. SREENIVASA IYER,
Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council.

A Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913 ; His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to enact as follows :—

Amendment of Section 2 of the Regulation.

In Section 2 of the Regulation for the third paragraph containing the definition of the expression "District Judge" or "Munsiff" the following two paragraphs shall be substituted :—

"District Judge" means the District Judge of the district in which the Village Court is situate."

"Munsiff" means the Judge of the lowest grade appointed under the Mysore Civil Courts Regulation, I of 1883, to exercise the jurisdiction of a Civil Court over the locality in which the Village Court is situate."

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

The Munsiff of Shimoga has no local jurisdiction over the taluk of Shimoga and as such he cannot exercise the powers of a Munsiff under the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, over the Village Courts in that taluk ; nor can the definition of "Munsiff" in Section 2 of the Regulation be made to apply to the Subordinate Judge of Shimoga who is the Judge of the lowest grade having jurisdiction over the taluk.

It is therefore deemed desirable to amend the definition of the expression "Munsiff" in Section 2 of the Regulation so as to include a Subordinate Judge where he and not a Munsiff is the Judge of the lowest grade having jurisdiction over any area in which a Village Court is situate.

Notification No. 358, *dated* 21*st February* 1917.

Under Rule 32 of the rules for the conduct of business of the Mysore Legislative Council the following Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913, is published for general information together with a Statement of Objects and Reasons.

By Order,
G. SREENIVASA IYER,
Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council.

To the Compiler *Mysore Gazette* for publication in English in Part III of this week's Gazette and also in Kannada. Proof should be sent to this office before 12 noon on Wednesday the 21st instant.

(*A Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation,* 1913.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913 ; His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to enact as follows :—

Amendment of section 2 of the Regulation.

In Section 2 of the Regulation for the third paragraph containing the definition of the expressions "District Judge" or "Munsiff" the following two paragraphs shall be substituted;—

"District Judge" means the District Judge of the district in which the Village Court is situate.

"Munsiff" means the Judge of the lowest grade appointed under the Mysore Civ Courts Regulation I of 1883, to exercise the jurisdiction of a Civil Courts over th locality in which the Village Court is situate"

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It is therefore deemed desirable to amend the definition of the expression "Munsiff in Section 2 of the Regulation so as to include a sub-ordinate Judge where he and no a Munsiff is the judge of the lowest grade having jurisdiction over any area in whicl a village Court is situate.

D. O. Letter No. 1950, *from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident, to the Dewan o Mysore.*

Serial No. 3. I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your D. O. letter No. 4725, dated th 18th February 1917, forwarding a copy of a Bill to amend the Mysor Village Courts Regulation, 1913, and in reply, to say that the Residen sees no *prima facie* objection to the Bill being laid before the Legislative Council.

Order No. 13709—*Encls., dated* 20*th April* 1917.

Serial No. 4. Ordered that the accompanying Regulation to amend the Mysore Village Court Regulation, 1913, which received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the 17th day of April 1917 be published as Regulation No. III of 1917 in the *Mysore Gazette* for general information.

G. SRINIVASA IYER,
20-4-17.

REGULATION No. III OF 1917.

A REGULATION TO AMEND THE MYSORE VILLAGE COURTS REGULATION, 1917.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913 His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to enact as follows:—

Amendment of Section 2 of the Regulation.

In Section 2 of the Regulation for the third paragraph containing the definition of the expression "District Judge" or "Munsiff" the following two paragraphs shall be substituted:—

"District Judge" means the District Judge of the district in which the Village Court is situate.

"Munsiff" means the Judge of the lowest grade appointed under the Mysore Civil Courts Regulation, I of 1883, to exercise the jurisdiction of a Civil Court over the locality in which the Village Court is situate."

M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan.

A Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913.

(As passed by the Mysore Legislative Council.)

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation, 1913; His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to enact as follows:—

Amendment of section 2. of the Regulation.

In Section 2 of the Regulation for the third paragraph containing the definition of the expression "District Judge" or "Munsiff" the following two paragraphs shall be substituted:—

"District Judge" means the District Judge of the District in which the Village Court is situate.

Munsiff means the judge of the lowest grade appointed under the Mysore Civil Courts Regulation, I of 1883, to exercise the jurisdiction of a Civil Court over the locality in which the Village Court is situate."

Letter No. 4356, *dated 6th January* 1917, *from Major T. H. St. George Tucker, First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General Department.*

Adverting to your letter No. 1167-Pol., dated the 24th May 1917, forwarding copies of a Regulation to amend the Mysore Village Courts Regulation (III of 1917), I am directed to invite a reference to Mr. Warburtor's **Serial No. 5.** letter No. 4321, dated the 23rd July 1913, and to say that the previous consent of the Government of India seems to have been necessary before the Bill was passed into law. The Resident will be glad to know why this procedure was not adopted.

Letter Pol. 27, *dated 7th July* 1917, *to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.*

With reference to Major Tucker's letter No. 4356, dated 6th June 1917, enquiring why the previous consent of the Government of India was not obtained before passing into law, the Bill to amend the Mysore Village Courts **Serial No. 6.** Regulation, III of 1917 I am directed to state that the point was lost sight of owing mainly to the fact that the amendment proposed was verbal in its character and effect had to be given to it urgently. The Bill was put through the Legislative Council only as a matter of formality.

2. The Durbar regret the omission to apply for the previous consent of the Government of India before passing the Bill into law, which was due to an oversight.

MonoWD 2201—GPB—25—28-2-23.